IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 33, 36, 38 and 45 and add new Claims 74- as follows:

1 – 32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A packaging assembly comprising a first open-sided frame member having first and second free edges, a second open-sided frame member having third and fourth free edges, a first retention member extending between the first and second free edges and comprising a sheet material, a second retention member extending between the third and fourth free edges and comprising a sheet material, wherein the first frame member and the first retention member are engaged with each other to form a first subassembly, wherein the second frame member and the second retention member are engaged with each other to form a second subassembly, the first and second frame members ~~subassemblies~~ being configured to nest with each other, wherein the first frame member comprises first and second wall structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, so as to define first and second open sides between the first and second wall structures, wherein the second frame member comprises third and fourth wall structures supporting the third and fourth edges, respectively, so as to define third and fourth open sides between the third and fourth wall structures, wherein the first and second free edges are configured to be positioned in the third and fourth open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, and wherein the third and fourth free edges are configured to be positioned in the first and second open sides in nesting engagement, respectively.

34. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 33, wherein the first and second retention members are substantially resilient, the first and second frame members being substantially rigid.

35. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 33, wherein the first frame member includes at least a first tapered portion extending from the first free edge.

36. (Currently Amended) A packaging assembly comprising a first open-sided frame member having first and second free edges, a second open-sided frame member having third and fourth free edges, a first retention member extending between the first and second free edges and comprising a sheet material, a second retention member extending between the third and fourth free edges and comprising a sheet material, wherein the first frame member and the first retention member are engaged with each other to form a first

subassembly, wherein the second frame member and the second retention member are engaged with each other to form a second subassembly, the first and second frame members ~~subassemblies~~ being configured to nest with each other, wherein the first frame member comprises first and second wall structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, so as to define first and second open sides between the first and second wall structures, wherein the second frame member comprises third and fourth wall structures supporting the third and fourth edges, respectively, so as to define third and fourth open sides between the third and fourth wall structures, wherein the first and second free edges are configured to be positioned in the third and fourth open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, wherein the third and fourth free edges are configured to be positioned in the first and second open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, wherein the first frame member includes at least a first tapered portion extending from the first free edge, and wherein the third wall structure ~~second frame member~~ includes at least a first inclined wall extending from the third free edge, the first tapered portion being configured to receive the first inclined wall in nesting engagement.

37. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 33, wherein the first and second free edges extend longitudinally, each of the first and second free edges including tapered portions disposed at opposite longitudinal ends thereof.

38. (Currently Amended) A packaging assembly comprising a first open-sided frame member having first and second free edges, a second open-sided frame member having third and fourth free edges, a first retention member extending between the first and second free edges and comprising a sheet material, a second retention member extending between the third and fourth free edges and comprising a sheet material, wherein the first frame member and the first retention member are engaged with each other to form a first subassembly, wherein the second frame member and the second retention member are engaged with each other to form a second subassembly, the first and second frame members ~~subassemblies~~ being configured to nest with each other, wherein the first frame member comprises first and second wall structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, so as to define first and second open sides between the first and second wall structures, wherein the second frame member comprises third and fourth wall structures supporting the third and fourth edges, respectively, so as to define third and

fourth open sides between the third and fourth wall structures, wherein the first and second free edges are configured to be positioned in the third and fourth open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, wherein the third and fourth free edges are configured to be positioned in the first and second open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, wherein the first and second free edges extend longitudinally, each of the first and second free edges including tapered portions disposed at opposite longitudinal ends thereof, and wherein the third and fourth wall structures ~~the assembly additionally~~ comprises third and fourth inclined walls supporting the third and fourth free edges, respectively, the tapered portions being configured to receive the inclined walls in nesting engagement.

39. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 38, wherein at least one of the tapered portions and the inclined walls are configured such that the first and second retention members are deflected inwardly when the tapered portions and the inclined walls are nested.

40. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 39 additionally comprising a first recessed area of the first frame member disposed between the first and second free edges and a second recessed area of the second frame member disposed between the third and fourth free edges.

41. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 40, wherein the first and second retention members are deflected toward the first and second recessed areas, respectively, when the tapered portions and the inclined walls are nested.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) The assembly according to Claim 33, wherein the first and second wall structures ~~frame member~~ comprises first and second peripherally extending structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, the third and fourth wall structures ~~second frame member~~ comprising third and fourth peripherally extending structures supporting the third and fourth free edges, respectively.

44. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 43, additionally comprising tapered portions formed on the opposite ends of each of the first and second free edges, and at least first and second inclined walls forming a portion of the third and fourth peripherally extending structures, respectively.

45. (Currently Amended) A packaging assembly comprising a first open-sided

frame member having first and second free edges, a second open-sided frame member having third and fourth free edges, a first retention member extending between the first and second free edges and comprising a sheet material, a second retention member extending between the third and fourth free edges and comprising a sheet material, wherein the first frame member and the first retention member are engaged with each other to form a first subassembly, wherein the second frame member and the second retention member are engaged with each other to form a second subassembly, the first and second frame members ~~subassemblies~~ being configured to nest with each other, wherein the first frame member comprises first and second wall structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, so as to define first and second open sides between the first and second wall structures, wherein the second frame member comprises third and fourth wall structures supporting the third and fourth edges, respectively, so as to define third and fourth open sides between the third and fourth wall structures, wherein the first and second free edges are configured to be positioned in the third and fourth open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, wherein the third and fourth free edges are configured to be positioned in the first and second open sides in nesting engagement, respectively, wherein the first and second wall structures ~~frame member~~ comprises first and second peripherally extending structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, the third and fourth wall structures ~~second frame member~~ comprising third and fourth peripherally extending structures supporting the third and fourth free edges, respectively, and wherein the assembly additionally comprises tapered portions formed on the opposite ends of each of the first and second free edges, and at least first and second inclined walls forming a portion of the third and fourth peripherally extending structures, respectively, and wherein the tapered portions extend along a first angle of inclination, the first and second inclined walls extending along a second angle of inclination that is approximately equal to the first angle of inclination.

46. (Original) The assembly according to Claim 44, wherein the first, second, third, and fourth peripherally extending structures are triangular in cross section.

47 – 73. (Canceled)

74. (New) A packaging assembly comprising a first frame member having first and second free edges, a second frame member having third and fourth free edges, a first

retention sleeve surrounding the first frame member and comprising a first retention portion which extends between the first and second free edges, a second retention sleeve surrounding the second frame member and comprising a second retention portion which extends between the third and fourth free edges, the first and second frame members being configured to nest with each other.

75. (New) The assembly according to Claim 74, wherein the first and second retention portions are substantially resilient, the first and second frame members being substantially rigid.

76. (New) The assembly according to Claim 74, wherein the first frame member includes at least a first tapered portion extending from the first free edge.

77. (New) The assembly according to Claim 74, wherein the first frame member includes at least a first tapered portion extending from the first free edge, and wherein the second frame member includes at least a first inclined wall extending from the third free edge, the first tapered portion being configured to receive the first inclined wall in nesting engagement.

78. (New) The assembly according to Claim 74, wherein the first and second free edges extend longitudinally, each of the first and second free edges including tapered portions disposed at opposite longitudinal ends thereof.

79. (New) The assembly according to Claim 74, wherein the first and second free edges extend longitudinally, each of the first and second free edges including tapered portions disposed at opposite longitudinal ends thereof, and wherein the assembly additionally comprises third and forth inclined walls supporting the third and fourth free edges, respectively, the tapered portions being configured to receive the inclined walls in nesting engagement.

80. (New) The assembly according to Claim 79, wherein at least one of the tapered portions and the inclined walls are configured such that the first and second retention portions are deflected inwardly when the tapered portions and the inclined walls are nested.

81. (New) The assembly according to Claim 80, additionally comprising a first recessed area of the first frame member disposed between the first and second free edges and a second recessed area of the second frame member disposed between the third and

fourth free edges.

82. (New) The assembly according to Claim 81, wherein the first and second retention portions are deflected toward the first and second recessed areas, respectively, when the tapered portions and the inclined walls are nested.

83. (New) The assembly according to Claim 74, wherein the first frame member comprises first and second peripherally extending structures supporting the first and second free edges, respectively, the second frame member comprising third and fourth peripherally extending structures supporting the third and fourth free edges, respectively.

84. (New) The assembly according to Claim 83, additionally comprising tapered portions formed on the opposite ends of each of the first and second free edges, and at least first and second inclined walls forming a portion of the third and fourth peripherally extending structures, respectively.

85. (New) The assembly according to Claim 84, wherein the tapered portions extend along a first angle of inclination, the first and second inclined walls extending along a second angle of inclination that is approximately equal to the first angle of inclination.

86. (New) The assembly according to Claim 84 , wherein the first, second, third, and fourth peripherally extending structures are triangular in cross section.